

## **Bureau of Reclamation Great Plains Region**

### **Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991**

The drought program provides limited funding to assist in relieving the impacts to water supplies due to a drought. Affected entities can propose projects and receive funding per the requirements of the Act.

Certain specific data is required in order for Reclamation to determine if the requests meet the guidelines and provisions of the Drought Act.

The following items should be included in any project proposal:

1. A description of the overall drought problems in the immediate area.
2. A description of the water supply system(s) used by the project sponsor.
3. A description of the problems and impacts the drought has caused to the entity/project.
4. A proposed plan to solve the problem.
5. A detailed cost estimate for the proposed project.
6. A description of any cost sharing by other state or Federal agencies.

Send requests to the Montana Area Office, Bureau of Reclamation, 2900 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Billings, MT 59101. Funding is subject to availability.

**According to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation this legislation was passed by Congress in 1992 to distribute emergency funds to drought-stricken areas. The act has three titles. Title I addresses construction to minimize loss or damage from drought. Projects under Title I can include drilling wells for communities, drilling wells to supplement springs, hauling water, and fish and wildlife projects among others. Title II is for planning activities and installation of stream gages and climatological stations. Title III only concerns the state of California.**

**The project(s) will be reviewed, approved or not approved, and prioritized by Reclamation's Denver office for funding. Bureau of Reclamation prepares the NEPA document and does the cultural resource investigations. The applicant must have the design or engineering work done first. Working with the applicant, USBR will hire a contractor and have the work completed. Applications can be made at any time to the program, no matching funds are required but welcome, and the funding is released as projects are selected for approval.**